

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims as indicated.

1. (Currently amended) An axle/suspension system for a trailer of a tractor-trailer vehicle combination, said trailer including a floor mounted on a longitudinally-extending frame of the trailer, said axle/suspension system including a pair of transversely-spaced suspension assemblies, each one of said suspension assemblies including a longitudinally-extending beam, said beams capturing a transversely extending axle, means for pivotally mounting each one of said beams on a bracket mounted on and depending from said trailer frame, said pivotal mounting means including a pivot bolt passing through aligned openings formed in a pair of transversely-spaced inboard and outboard sidewalls of said bracket and being secured thereto with a nut, wherein the improvement comprises:

said bracket sidewall openings each being generally elongated and vertically disposed, and means for vertically moving said pivot bolt in said openings, so that upon loosening of said nut on said pivot bolt and selective adjustment of said pivot bolt movement means in a certain direction, said pivot bolt, said beam, and said axle are vertically adjusted for transversely horizontally leveling said trailer floor.

2. (Currently amended) The axle/suspension system of Claim 1, in which said pivot bolt movement means is an eccentric collar through which said pivot bolt passes; in which a pair of vertically-spaced eccentric collar guide tabs is located on said outboard sidewall adjacent to and above and below said collar and said outboard sidewall opening; and in which upon rotation of

the eccentric collar in a certain direction, said pivot bolt, said beam, and said axle are vertically adjusted for transversely horizontally leveling said trailer floor.

3. (Original) The axle/suspension system of Claim 2, in which each one of said eccentric collar guide tabs is an elongated generally longitudinally-extending tab; and in which said tab protrudes outboardly from said outboard sidewall.

4. (Original) The axle/suspension system of Claim 1, in which each one of said bracket sidewall openings is generally oval-shaped.

5. (Original) The axle/suspension system of Claim 1, in which said bracket is a generally U-shaped integral one-piece member having said pair of transversely-spaced sidewalls interconnected with a front wall.

6. (Currently amended) The axle/suspension system of Claim 1, in which said pivot bolt movement means is a second bolt which is vertically disposed ~~bolt~~, in which said second ~~vertically disposed~~ bolt threadably engages a collar through which said pivot bolt passes; and in which upon rotation of said second ~~vertically disposed~~ bolt in a selected direction, said collar, said pivot bolt, said beam, and said axle are vertically adjusted for transversely horizontally leveling said trailer floor.